

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1115 – Motor Vehicle Assembly Line Coating Operations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, March 4, 2022, in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA at 9:00 a.m., or later, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), auditorium seating availability may be limited, and the meeting format may be changed to full remote via webcast. Please refer to the South Coast AQMD's website for information regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1115 – Motor Vehicle Assembly Line Coatings Operations (PAR 1115). The objective of PAR 1115 is to update the VOC limits for coatings used in the automotive assembly line processes to comply with Reasonable Available Control Technology (RACT) requirements. Proposed Amended Rule 1115 will also update definitions, recordkeeping, and testing requirements and will eliminate exemptions that are no longer applicable.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1115 will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1115 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the Federal Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing state and federal air pollution control requirements, all South Coast AQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all air pollution control requirements that apply to the same equipment or source type as the rule proposed for amendment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, PAR 1115 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD has prepared the following documents relevant to the proposed amended rule, including:

- Proposed Amended Rule 1115
- Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1115
- Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1115, included in the Staff Report
- Comparative Analysis for Proposed Amended Rule 1115, included in the Staff Report

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1115>, or by calling the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Mr. Derrick Alatorre – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, dalatorre@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to PAR 1115, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments.

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1115 can be directed to Rodolfo Chacon, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, rchacon@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2726. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Kevin Ni, CEQA Section, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, kni@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2462.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the Public Hearing. Ten (10) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments for review must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

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Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Governing Board meeting. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Please contact the Clerk of the Boards Office, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

DATED: January 26, 2022

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards